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ASH ALUMNA DONATES A LARGE GIFT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

It is with great appreciation that we announce that RUTH LITTLE STRADER and husband JACK D. STRADER have generously donated \$50,000.00 to establish a new endowment for ASH scholarships. Ruth was truly grateful for the ASH program which was the only way she was able to attend college. She lived in the ASH House at 201 E. 16th from 1947 to 1951 and began dating Jack during her junior year. She graduated in Family Resource Management and Jack received his Masters in Horticulture in 1950. Jack and Ruth became successful owners of six Straders Garden Centers in the Greater Franklin County area. This month they celebrate their marriage of 62 years with their 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Ruth is the fourth ASH alumna to donate a major endowment along with Elaine Buerkle, Ruth Deacon, and Helen Deacon Swank.

Join your ASH Society

ASH Society dues are \$25 and to be paid annually (Jan. through Dec.). Please refer to form on the last page of this issue for information as to where to send your check. We appreciate your support of the ASH Society! Please read more in the "Opportunity for Homecoming Football Tickets" article later in this issue.

Membership in the OSU Alumni Association

The annual and associate membership categories have been discontinued. Graduates can now become "Sustaining Members" through annual gifts of at least \$75 to any Ohio State fund(s) including scholarship endowments. For a complete list of funds, visit <https://www.give.to.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving/>. An entire annual gift does not have to go to one fund. Cumulative giving will be tracked over a calendar year, and when gifts equal or exceed \$75, the donor will become a Sustaining Member".

Football Lottery Eligibility

will be based on an alumnus's previous year of giving. To be eligible for the 2013 lottery, graduates must be Sustaining Members by Dec. 31, 2012. More details: www.ohiostatealumni.org.

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President's Message

by Joanne Buchar Kitchen, jkitchen@insight.rr.com

On October 7, 2012, I sat in the Ohio Union at a luncheon celebrating the 50 year reunion of the graduating class of the Ohio State University Class of 1962! Who, me? How could I be that old and still be feeling young? Sometimes! Memories of four years living in the Mary Pomerene Scholarship House remain with me and will forever. Then, tuition was \$75.00 per quarter. Indeed some things have changed. In that 50 years so much has changed, yet so much seems the same. One thing that has not changed is the commitment to the Alumnae Scholarship Housing program of the women who are fortunate to be part of our very special Alumnae Scholarship Housing Society, now one year old. I am forever grateful for having had the opportunity to be part of such a caring, compassionate, unique living program. Three Alumnae Scholarship Houses, Fechko, Hanley and Pomerene, are alive and well, thanks to all of you who continue to support and donate to the future. As president of the ASH Society, I can honestly say that the Board of Governors works hard to be good stewards of your donations, providing what the women of ASH treasure—a family-like housing that offers more than just a dormitory. Having read their testimonies when reading the scholarship applications, I can tell you that their feelings and thankfulness for the program run deep. Thanks again for your continued support of The Ohio State University Alumnae Scholarship Housing Program and the ASH Society.

A Note from your Editors

Carol Benasky Bakle and newsletter staff—Ruth Drumbheller Gault, Mary Eck Malphurs, Paula Marrie, Dottie Lee Wilker

We asked the students for their “wish lists”. The response overwhelmingly was not the traditional material items but they want to socialize with Alumnae! You will notice from their lists below that spending part of a day, share meals or help with non-profit volunteering opportunities are what they are “wishing for” from you. Please contact Elaine Edgar at elainedgar@gmail.com to let us know how you can participate! We hope our expanded newsletter pleases you and you will send us more news and comments or items for improvement to best serve you and the ASH women. Isn't the 3.42 Average Cumulative GPA GREAT? These women are certainly worthy of all our donations. Let's keep raising the number of full housing scholarships! GO ASHes and GO BUCKS!

ASH Residents invite you to participate in any of the following activities

ALUMS: Pick An Event That You Would Like To Share With The Ash Women! Contact our Elaine Edgar at elainedgar@gmail.com to make arrangements if you are available to participate in any of the following listed.

HANLEY HOUSE (Chelsea Shin): Formal, ASH trip; Fall Welcome/Kick-Off, Women of the Year, ASH Chili Cook Off as a possible annual event, attend cultural festivals, i.e. Italian, Greek, etc., Thanksgiving trip and ideas for the future.

POMERENE HOUSE (Heidi Liou): These could become new “traditions” for the ASH program: A Talent Show Fundraiser, Charity Fashion, Dutch Auctions, Relay 4 Life Team, Bonfire at an alumnae's home because we love getting off campus, volunteering at the Food Bank, see a play, and Adopt a kid for Christmas. We are hoping to get ASH t-shirts soon.

FETCHKO HOUSE TRADITIONS (Cassie Higbea): Fall Welcome/Kick-off, Women of the Year, ASH Trip, Formal, Homecoming parade; Tailgate, ASH Thanksgiving, ASH Chili Cook-Off as a possible annual event. Fechko events this year: Movie nights, Door Decorating Competition. Fechko Yearly Events: Apple picking, Dinner with the vet house around veteran's day, “Secret Santa” homemade gift exchange and Christmas party, Easter egg hunt, Big ASH/Little ASH (like big/little sis program), Dinner with Martha-ASH's faculty friend, Yoga, with Martha for all three houses, and volunteer opportunities such as sorting books for hospitalized children.

2013 WOMEN OF THE YEAR AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET: At our annual banquet, the Women of the Year recipients were announced. Excitement filled the room as scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year were awarded. The Resident Advisors and Housing and Food Managers received many thanks for their wonderful work all year! The ASH seniors received certificates of congratulations and 1 year complimentary ASH Society membership. Ruth Little Strader and Elaine Buerkle received the Blaze Award for donating more than \$10,000 in one year! This is the first year for recognizing our “Donor Levels”. The celebration was 5:00-7:00pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the Longaberger Alumni House. Please let us know if you would like to attend next year! We would love to have you join us for this worthy traditional event!

ASH CULTURAL TRIP: Toronto, Canada was this year's destination, April 5-7, 2013. It will include the Wizard of Oz, Niagara Falls, & historical side trips. We had an Ice Cream Social at 7:00pm, Sunday, April 21. Finals were on April 24-30 with Commencement on May 5 which was earlier because of going from quarters to semesters.

ASH WINTER FORMAL: After achieving a 3.42 Average Cumulative GPA autumn semester (the best in scholarship housing), eighty-two ASH women and their guests danced the night away at the Fire and Ice winter formal at the Longaberger House. To see pictures of this event visit www.ashsocietyosu.org.

Senior Spotlights



Left to right-Front: Christen Chevront-Nursing, Brittany Austin-Microbiology, Cassie Higbea-Optometry. Back: Amanda Klein-Dental Hygiene, Hope O'Brien-Social Work, Alex Rocca-Art. Not pictured: Clara Von Ins-Psychology

ALEX ROCCA – Senior, Hanley: Major: Art, Photography; Hometown: Gahanna OH
Hobbies: Photography, traveling and spending time with the most important people in my life. Special talent(s): Graduating in 4 years! Favorite memory at OSU: Anytime spent with friends! Moments in the photography lab, I work with some of the best people. On your life bucket list: Travel through Europe.
Fill in the blank: My idea of a perfect summer is: backpacking around the world but in reality I plan to work.

CLARA VON INS – Senior, Pomerene: Major: Psychology; Minor in Education. Hometown:-Sugar Grove OH
Hobbies: Taking walks, going to the gym, cooking, reading and writing. Special talent(s): The ability to turn a negative situation into a positive one. I can twirl, play the flute and the piano. Also, I'm really good at reaching things on high-up shelves for people. Favorite memory at OSU: Traveling to Sussex County, Delaware to work with Habitat for Humanity to literally put the roof over a family's head. Something on your life bucket list: Write a novel.
Fill in the blank: My idea of a perfect summer is: traveling and spending time with my friends and family but in reality, I plan to work, work, and work.

HOPE O'BRIEN – Senior, Fechko: Major: Social Work/Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Hometown: Bay Village OH.
Hobbies: Sleeping. Watching the National Geographic channel and hanging out with friends. Clubs involved in: Facilitator in the Girl's Circle Project, Assessor in the OSU-Maryhaven Project, Research Assistant at Star House, Intern at the Multicultural Center and member of the College of Social Work Student Organization.
Special talent(s): I can count to ten in Estonian. Something on your life bucket list: Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Alumnae News and Updates

1930's

Florence Harshe, 1935-1938 would like to hear from housemates. My contact information is 156 Lawrence Street apt 307 Saratoga Springs NY, 12866

1950's

Nancy Hunt Bullard, MP 1957-1961, and husband David keep very busy with grandchildren and great grands. She enjoys reading, knitting and keeping up with OSU football and basketball.

1960's

Kathleen Grybos Bockbrader, DH 1967-1971, is currently a Preschool Director at St. Thomas Little Saints in Ann Arbor Mi. Her daughters Marcia, Katrina, Alaina are all OSU graduates. Her husband Howard recently retired from Pfizer.

Joanne Buchar Kitchen, MP 1958-1962, still enjoys retirement. Enjoys crocheting hats and scarves for the poor, water aerobics and seeing the grandkids as they grow up. Grandson Ryne is a sophomore at Ohio State majoring in civil engineering. Bailey, 16, plays soccer. Adam, 10, enjoys parcour. Joanne says that when you are in Columbus call or visit.

1970's

Roberta "Bert" Baszuk Plaat, D.H. 1975-1977, is currently working for Columbus Public Schools Special Needs Program. She still has two out of six children at home- Julia 14 and Joshua 12. Where does the time go?! Loving the Lord, life, kids, and praying that all ASHers are doing well!

Bambi Couch Page, MP 1977-1978, is Chief Criminal Assistant Prosecutor in the Richland County Prosecutor's Office. She has two sons. Jordan will graduate with a doctorate in Chemistry from OSU this Semester. Her son Nick is a firefighter in Mansfield OH.

1980's

Chris (Tina) Powell Rak, MP 1983-1985, is married to Michael. They have three children, ages 15, 11, and 8. She received her B.S. degree in 1988. Tina has worked for OSU on the ARMS project (University Resource Management System). Biographical data is on LinkedIn.com. Address is 9681 Twig-Hopp Road Sunbury OH, 43074

Connie Justinger Higbea, DH 1986-1987, is currently self employed doing embroidery. She and her husband John have three children. Cassandra is an ASHS BOG Student Representative from the Fechko House.

1990's

Michelle Smith, 1993-1997, after nursing school I was a mother baby nurse for 10 years. I have been a hospice nurse for two years. I have three children. I hope to obtain a masters degree in the future.

Amy Clark Givens, Resident Advisor of Unit K in the Stadium Dorm from fall 1994 thru spring 1996. She graduated from OSU in 1997 with a degree in Pharmacy and is now employed by CVS in Cuyahoga Falls. Her family consists of husband Jeffery Given (also a Stadium Dorm alum) and 3 sons, ages 11, 9, and 5. She wants to be notified of ASH alumni weekends, especially those that may involve Stadium Dorm residents in the mid 1990's.

SEND MORE NEWS AND UPDATES TO:
Ruth Drumheller Gault at ruthgault@gmail.com or 3807 Old Norcross Rd., Duluth, GA 30096!!

OSU Reunion-Homecoming Weekend

Reunion-Homecoming weekend is scheduled for Oct. 18-20, 2013. OSU will officially invite the Classes of 2008, 2003, 1988, and 1963 to come back to campus for reunions, but all alumni are welcome. ASHS would like to encourage ASH Alumnae from the 1980's and 2000-2012 to also come. You will be our special guests at this year's Homecoming meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Fechko House. The cook-off entries provided by the girls last year were fantastic! We are sure to have more fun this year! Bring your ASH spirit as well as old pictures, scrapbooks, songs, ASH t-shirts and sweatshirts!

Opportunity for Homecoming Football Tickets

We will once again have (40) football tickets for the OSU Homecoming Game on October 19 available to ASH alumnae who are both members of the ASH Society (\$25 per yr dues) and the OSU Alumni Assoc (\$75 per yr donation to the fund of your choice). Start calling your former housemates! Reserve your tickets NOW if you are interested in being a part of the ASH group in the stadium at the Homecoming game! Detailed information and ticket order form will be mailed this summer to our ASH Alumnae. Contact Pam Hager at 740-892-2198 (or email above) if you have questions or need more info.

Upcoming Events for OSU Alumni/Alumnae

More details: <http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/events/Upcoming/Pages/default.aspx>

Committee Updates

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairs Carole Bickel, cpbickel@yahoo.com; Joan Rinker-Kisling, jrinkerkisling@gmail.com

Did you know that living in the ASH House saves each resident \$6,010 each year? Wow! That is a HUGE savings that is truly appreciated by the academically talented women of the ASH program. It provides a wonderful opportunity for these gifted women to attend The Ohio State University. Many of them might not have been able to attend because of financial constraints, particularly during this economy. It is your generosity that in part makes it all possible. **For the 2012-2013 year, we were able to award \$63,414 in scholarships to 23 of the 48 women residing in the ASH Program! Nine (9) of those scholarships were full housing scholarships valued at \$5,496 each.** We are in the process of determining our scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year at this time. The scholarships are awarded at our Woman of the Year Banquet held each spring. It is truly a celebration and you are welcome to join us anytime that you can. I know I speak for the ASH women when I say THANK YOU for being a supporter of ASH. If you have not sent in your check yet for this year...do it now...pay it forward!

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairs Pam Pozderac Hager, pmhager@hickorygrove.com; Tammy Torbet Passa, tammypassa@hotmail.com

We have been busy with programs for ASH women as well as ASH Society members. In August our peloton took a virtual ride in support of the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Clinic in 'Pelotonia 12'. We sponsored an ASH Chili and Cake Cook-Off and watched the parade during Homecoming, and we had fun as we joined students and the community in the 'Step Up for Stefanie Walk' through campus in support of Breast Cancer Research at The James. ASH women had "Sunday with the Society" sharing pizza just prior to finals in December and will have sundaes with Society members before spring semester finals. Finally we got together to watch the final regular season basketball game. Join us!!

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair, Brittany Baudo, baudo.6@osu.edu

Because of your membership, the ASH Society can honor our commitment to you, the women of ASH, and the Ohio State University. We appreciate your generosity to make this program thrive. If you would like to know more about how your funds are helping the women, a financial statement is available by emailing me. Please note that our budget is based on your donations.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairs Paula Marrie, vet2mom@aol.com and Mary Eck Malphurs, malphurs@gmail.com

This year we have created and maintain our own web site on a regular basis to keep information current and relevant to members. We have generated email blasts to our alumnae with emails several times per year to communicate specific events, volunteer opportunities, and to deliver the ASHes to ASHes newsletter electronically. We have become "techy" to build our ability to engage with current and future ASH students, ASHS members, and ASH Alumnae!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chair Courtney Hamilton Deck, courtneyrx@gmail.com

As the chair of the Nominating committee, I would like to welcome all of our talented alumnae to join in on the fun! We strive to "reach out" to alumna and others interested in ASH. We hope that as you read this that you, too, will find that you CAN give of your "Time, Talent, and/or Treasure"! Some of the areas where we need assistance is the Membership committee (maintaining names and address of paid members), Meeting and Programs committee (planning student and alumnae events), Communications committee (writing the newsletter) and many more! This year we have found three new younger women taking on responsibilities for ASHS: Brittany Baudo is our new treasurer-2012 Bus/Finance; Mary Eck Malphurs is our technology person-2004 Marketing/Logistics; Kathleen Johnson Schnipke is our Advancement (fundraising) person-1993 JD; Joan Rinker-Kisling joined our Scholarship Committee after retiring in 2011 from OSU Financial Aid. Joan has served on our ASH Board for decades and continues to bring us her expertise. I should mention myself, also. I graduated in 2001 in Pharmacy, serving last year as Treasurer but took this position when Elaine Edgar stepped down as chair but still gives of her valuable insight to various committees and ASHS Board. **Please email me if you are interested in knowing more about how you can become involved! Please help give back to a great organization that helped you while in college.**

To Join your ASH Society Annual Membership

(Jan. through Dec.)

Becoming an ASH Society member is easy. Annual dues are tax-deductible \$25; then YOU are a member of the ASH Society.

Dues are to be paid to ASHS Treasurer Brittany Baudo, 1828 Aschinger Blvd, Columbus OH 43212.

ADVANCEMENT (Fundraising) Committee Report

Chair Kathleen Schnipke Johnson, kathleenjohnson@embarqmail.com

The board has recently adopted the following donation levels for each calendar year to honor and recognize our donors:

- BLAZE LEVEL: \$10,000 and up
- FLAME LEVEL: \$5,000 to \$9,999
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We would like to sincerely thank the following donors who have reached our named donor levels for 2012:

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But for Ohio State/ASH *from Erin Bishop*

“The ASH society meant the world to me regardless, but it’s so much more to me now. Just a few days before I was to move in for my 3rd year in Pomerene, my mom had a terrible car accident. I actually was a few miles behind her in my own vehicle and came up on the car, lying on its driver’s side. How fast my life changed in that instant. I was able to stay in school and able to visit with my mother who was only a few miles away from campus at Grant Hospital. Without my scholarship, I wouldn’t have been able to continue this semester. Without my friends in Pomerene, I wouldn’t have been able to hold it together. This story does have a happy ending. My mom’s recovery is a slow one, but will be made in FULL. But while she recovers from both ankles broken, I have been traveling two hours to our home to help care for her while my dad worked the weekends. She’ll be ok and I will be too, thanks to Pomerene, and ASH. But for Ohio State!”

Please choose from the following list of funds for your 2013 ASH donations

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Minimum of \$75 a year enrolls you for the calendar year as an OSUAA Sustaining Member.

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